NADIES' CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

St. Rose branch, No. 1078, held its nated meeting Friday evening in Hiserman hall, which was called to order by the president, Mrs. Theresa E. Shaman. After discussion of an apron and tecktle party which had been planned for right after Easter, it was voted to postpone this to a latter date. The tranch expects to be visited shortly by the Matthews, who organized it, and from her visit additions in memberahip are looked to follow.

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Sedgwick post, No. 1, at its meeting Friday night at the Buckingham Memorial, voted to hold its next campfire in three weeks, with the local military companies as guests. A new badge was adopted for Momorial day. Its pretty design shows a G. A. R. badge in ministure upon a white disk from which depends a ribbon in the national colors on which in gold are the words "Memorial Day, 1909." A delegation from the post will attend the funeral of their late brother, Jacob Lee, this afternoon.

ORDER OF PROTECTION.

At the regular meeting of Norwich ledge, No. 248, in the Buckingham Memorial, Monday evening, there was a good attendance, with Deputy W. J. Walden as a visitor. One new name

Waiden as a visitor. One new mane was voted upon.

Thames lodge, No. 336, has its plans all ready for a big class initiation at the special meeting to be held next Tuesday evening, expecting more than a dozen who will come in at this time and give the lodge's membership gain a boost for the year, which closes on April 1st.

DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY. Virginia Dare council, No. 25, had a whist in the Austin building Thursday, having a good number present although having a good number present atthough it was stormy, and everybody had a good time. The play resulted in the following awards: Firsts, Mrs. Bruette, 49, a hatpin: George H. Stanton, 48, a stickpin. Seconds, Mrs. Mary Washburn, 47, a brooch: Daniel Dean, 45, a bill purse. Consolations, James Counihan, 22, an ash tray; Mrs. Freeman, 18, a bon bon dish. Caake and coffee wer served by the committee in charge,

ROYAL ARCANUM. ROYAL ARCANUM.

Thames council, No. 1851, met Wednesday evening in Foresters' hall, with Ragent George M. Powers presiding. Brother Eckmark from Bridgeport was looked for to attend the meeting, his coming being awaited expectantly by the members, but he was an absentee, sending word that he was too busy to get away, but hoped to be here next time. The council has one candidate ready for initiation, and is hoping to receive more through a postal card plan which is in operation to secure a list which is in operation to secure a list of names of possible candidates. The officers are expecting the members to take up this plan with enthusiasm and promptness, so that the council may seen be showing a membership gain.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

An adjourned meeting of Major R. S. Griswold command, No. 6, was held Wednesday evening at the armory, and one new application was received. It was discussed and adopted to make the April meeting one of special invitation for all the veterans of the Spanish war in town, whether belonging to the command or not, and have a social and entertainment for this mostles. The entertainment for this meeting. The the advantages of membership and sethe advantages of memoerang and secure a large number of new members. There are about 125 veterans in the fown who are not members of Griswold command, which could be built up to much stronger proportions if a good percentage of these would join. The present membership is about fifty.

FORESTERS.

Court Quinebaus, No. 128, received three applications for membership on Tuesday evening at its meeting in Foresters' hall, which was well attended and full of interest. There were also five candidates usmitted to membership, and as it was the quarterly meeting the usual reports were presented.

Delegates to the Danbury convention were chosen in the persons of Edward A. Pratt and M. O'Connor, with Daniel J. Donevan and Louis J. Lynch as al-ternates.

DEGREE OF POCAHONTAS.

Sebequonash council, No. 11, had a meeting of more than usual interest Monday evening in Foresters' ball, Mrs. Monday avening in Foresters' ball, Mrs. Della Balley as Pocahontas occupying the official stump, and four new members were initiated with good form shown by the initiating officers. The work was followed by an informal social hour, 'with music and refreshments, making one of the pleasantest evenings of the season. On March first, it was announced, the Neosha Whist club would give one of their whist evenings in the hall.

SONS OF HERMANN.

Germania lodge, No. 11, Sons of Hermann, held an interesting meeting in Germania hall, Shetucket street, on Thursday evening as the delegates to the convention of the Connecticus grand lodge were elected. The follow ing past presidents were elected: John Grieshammer, John A. Grenier, Henry J. Liepold, John Seidel, Richard Thoma and Hermann Jackel. The ponvention will be held in Bridgeport May 28 and 29.

REBEKAHS,

Hope lodge, No. 21, conducted a special evening of whist Wednesday in Odd Fellows hall in the Olympic building, having 27 tables playing which is a record number for this season for the lodge. As a special attraction all the prizes were from Washington, D. C., having been procured there at the recent inauguration time by at the recent inauguration time by Frank Q. Smith, a member of the lodge and first sergeant in the Third company, C. A. C., which went from here to the inauguration.

The prizes were all greatly admired and were awarded to the following.

sind were awarded to the following lucky ones: Firsts—James Countina, an ash receiver; Mrs. George Tubbs, a cup and saucer. Seconds—Geo. Tubbs, a stein; Mrs. Frank Tubbs, a pepper and salt set. Ice gream and cake were the refreshments served in the banquet room, after the play was constituted.

room after the play was over. The evening was a great success.

In June, on the 11th, is the 25th anniversary date of the lodge, which it is desired to-observe fittingly. A committee has already been appointed and is considering plans to respect is considering plans to report at the next meeting of the lodge, which will be the first Wednesday in April. On the c&mittee are Grace Willey, Margaret Hart, Minnie Amburn, Mrs. Wilson and Julia Allen.

EASTERN STAR.

Bachem chapter, No. 57, held its regular meeting at the Buckingham Memorial Wednesday evening, at which Worthy Matron Dorothea W. Balcom presided, with a large attendance of members, three visitors being present. After the business meeting one candidate was given the degrees of the order. The work was ably executed by the officers. Four candidates were balloted upon favorably. A social and general good time followed. Suste M. Park was heard in a recitation which Park was heard in a recitation which was greatly enjoyed. Ice cream and cake were served, Dorothea W. Balcom having general charge of the affair, being ably assisted by Annie L. Rawson, Louise J. Standish, Annie E. Woodman. Emily E. Dolbane. Esther H. Blinn and several men of the chaptes. All had a most enjoyable time.

ODD PELLOWS.

Reports of the Odd Fellows' home meeting from Frank J. King and Frank Q. Smith were raceived Tuesday night at the meeting of Shetnoket lodge, No. 27.

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